IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A glazing assembly, comprising:

a first rigid protective substrate;

a second rigid carrier substrate;

at least one active system positioned between the first and second rigid substrates and positioned on the inner face of the first rigid substrate, the at least one active system comprising a multilayer, comprising at least one thin film; [[and]]

at least one polymer film positioned between the active system and the second rigid substrate, the polymer film comprising a function of retaining fragments of the glazing assembly should the glazing assembly break; and

a solar protective layer positioned on the outer face of the first rigid protective layer.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the active system comprises an electrically controllable system comprising variable optical properties, variable energy properties, or a combination thereof, wherein the electrically controllable system is at least one system selected from the group consisting of an electrochromic system, an optical valve, a viologen-based system, a liquid-crystal system, and an electroluminescent system.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the active system comprises a thin film or a thin-film multilayer with a thermal function, of the low-emissivity or solar-protection type, an acoustic function, of the acoustic attenuation coating type, or an optical function, of the decorative or absorbent, thermochromic or thermotropic type.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the substrates and are made of glass.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the total thickness (e_{1+2}) of the substrates and and of all the materials placed between them is less than or equal to 8 mm.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the total thickness (e_{1+2}) of the substrates and and of all the materials placed between them is less than or equal to 30 mm.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the substrates and have substantially identical shapes and substantially identical dimensions.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the substrates and have different dimensions and substantially identical shapes.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly further comprises an opacifying peripheral coating, wherein the opacifying peripheral coating is of a screen-printed type, and wherein the opacifying peripheral coating is applied to at least one part of the glazing assembly selected from the group consisting of around the periphery of an inside face of the first substrate, around the periphery of an outside face of the second substrate, and around the periphery of an inside face of the second substrate.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly further comprises at least one margining line positioned on the periphery of an inside face of the first substrate, on the periphery of an outside face of the second substrate, or a combination thereof.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly further comprises a first peripheral seal in contact with the facing faces of the substrates.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 11, wherein the glazing assembly further comprises a second peripheral seal in contact with the edges of the substrates.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 12, wherein the first and second peripheral seals are formed by extrusion or encapsulation.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 12, wherein the second peripheral seal is flush with the outer face of the first substrate.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 12, wherein the first peripheral seal, the second peripheral seal, or the first and the second peripheral seal, at least partly fill an open peripheral groove defined by a recess between the two substrates.

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Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 12, wherein the first peripheral seal, the second peripheral seal, or the first and second peripheral seals are penetrated by connection elements of the active system, at least partly comprise mechanical reinforcement elements, or a combination thereof.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method of forming an article comprising, forming the article with the glazing assembly of claim 1; wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of a window, a sunroof, a skylight, a display panel, a display case, and a piece of furniture.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly passes the safety tests of the ECE R43 and ANSI Z26.1. standards.

Claims 19-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly comprises at least one transparent substrate of polygonal shape, wherein the at least one transparent substrate comprises at least one property selected from the group consisting of flat, curved, partially curved, clear, and bulk-tinted.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The glazing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the glazing assembly comprises an opaque, opacified or mirror substrate.

Claim 23 (Canceled).